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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixty-fourth session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and should also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 64/517 of 2 December 2009); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 64/522 of 10 December 2009); Second Committee (decision 64/543 of 21 December 2009); Third Committee (decision 64/538 of 18 December 2009); and Sixth Committee (decision 64/525 of 16 December 2009).

4. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the present report contains only the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The details of the draft programmes of the Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

[1] The Fifth Committee has not taken a decision on this matter.

II. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

First week (14-17 September)

Tuesday, afternoon	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

Second week (20-24 September)

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday to Wednesday	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [117]: High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (resolution 64/184 and decision 64/555)
Wednesday	Convention on Biological Diversity [20 (f)]: high-level meeting as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity (resolution 64/203 and decision 64/555)
Thursday to Saturday	General debate [8][3] (resolution 64/184 and decision 64/555)
Friday and Saturday	Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [20 (b)]: high-level review to assess progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation (resolution 64/199 and decision 64/555)

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth session (A/65/50). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the preliminary list but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

[3] The Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization as the first item before the opening of the general debate.

Third week (27 September-1 October)	
Monday to Thursday	General debate [8]
Fourth week (4-8 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [110]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Friday	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [72]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [73]: joint debate
Fifth week (11-15 October)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday	Eradication of poverty and other development issues [24]: plenary devoted to the consideration of the outcome of and follow-up to the International Year of Microcredit (resolution 63/229)
	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Tuesday	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [63 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [12]: joint debate
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [113 (a)]

Sixth week (18-22 October)

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday	1. Sport for peace and development [11]
	2. Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations [14]; Culture of peace [15]: joint debate
Wednesday	Report of the Economic and Social Council [9]; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]: joint debate
Friday	*United Nations Day Concert*

Seventh week (25-29 October)

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [113 (b)]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday	Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [41]
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday	1. Report of the International Court of Justice [71]
	2. Report of the International Criminal Court [74]

Eighth week (1-5 November)

	[Promotion of human rights]
Wednesday	Report of the Human Rights Council [64]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	The situation in Afghanistan [38]

Ninth week (8-12 November)

	[Disarmament]
Monday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [89]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Tuesday	1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [114 (a)]
	2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [115 (f)]
	3. Appointment of members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women [115 (g)]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters; Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [112]
	2. Report of the Security Council [29]; Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [121]: joint debate
Tenth week (15-19 November)	
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Monday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [70 (a) to (d)]
Wednesday	*Official United Nations holiday (Eid al-Adha)*
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [124 (a) to (w)]: joint debate
Friday	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [117]: specific meeting focused on development (resolution 60/265)
Eleventh week (22-26 November)	
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [13]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [117]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [122]: joint debate

	2. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [119]; Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [120]: joint debate
Thursday	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving Day)*
Twelfth week (29 November-3 December)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday, afternoon, and Tuesday	1. Question of Palestine [37]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [36]
Thursday	The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [32]
Thirteenth week (6-13 December)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Tuesday	Oceans and the law of the sea [75 (a) and (b)]: joint debate
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	1. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [16]
	2. Follow-up to the commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [118]
	3. Global health and foreign policy [126]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]
	2. Prevention of armed conflict [33]
	3. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [34]
	4. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [35]
	5. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [39]
	6. Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [114 (b)]

	7. Multilingualism [123]
	8. Report of the Credentials Committee [3 (b)]
	(13 December-end of 13 weeks)
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Tuesday (14 December)	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [57]: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (decision 64/560)